

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A method implemented in a data processing system for storing broadcast events for playback at a later time, wherein the data processing system includes a broadcast receiver, the method comprising:

receiving a retention parameter for retaining a broadcast event, wherein the retention parameter is at least one of a topic, a title, a number of copies, or an indication of whether memory stacking is to be employed;

receiving a playback scheduling parameter for scheduling the broadcast event;

receiving a playback format parameter for playing back the broadcast event;

retaining the broadcast event according to the retention parameter in order to create a previously recorded broadcast event;

retrieving the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter; and

playing back the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter.

11. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the retention parameter is a topic and wherein the retention parameter is associated with the broadcast event and prioritized by the topic with respect to other broadcast events.

12. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the retention parameter is a title and wherein the ~~retention parameter~~ retention parameter is associated with the broadcast event and prioritized by the title with respect to other broadcast events.

13. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the retention parameter is a topic and wherein the playback scheduling parameter is associated with scheduling the broadcast event and prioritized by the topic with respect to other broadcast events.

14. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the retention parameter is a title and wherein the playback format parameter is associated with formatting the broadcast event playback and prioritized by the title with respect to other broadcast events.

15. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the retention parameter is a topic and wherein the playback format parameter is associated with formatting the broadcast event and prioritized by the topic with respect to other broadcast events.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein a memory is included in the data processing system.

17. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10 wherein a memory is not included in the data processing system.

18. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 10 wherein the step of ~~storing~~ retaining further comprises:

associating the selected broadcast events to a user.

19-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A data processing system for storing broadcast events for playback at a later time, the system comprising:

receiving means for receiving a retention parameter for retaining a broadcast event, wherein the retention parameter is at least one of a topic, a title, a number of copies, or an indication of whether memory stacking is to be employed;

receiving means for receiving a playback scheduling parameter for scheduling the broadcast event;

receiving means for receiving a playback format parameter for playing back the broadcast event;

retaining means for retaining the broadcast event according to the retention parameter in order to create a previously recorded broadcast event;

retrieving means for retrieving the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter; and

playing means for playing back the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter.

29. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 28, wherein the retention parameter is a topic and wherein the retention parameter is associated with the broadcast event and prioritized by the topic with respect to other broadcast events.

30. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 28, wherein the retention parameter is a title and wherein the ~~retention parameter~~ retention parameter is associated with the broadcast event and prioritized by the title with respect to other broadcast events.

31. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 28, wherein the retention parameter is a topic and wherein the playback scheduling parameter is associated with scheduling the broadcast event and prioritized by the topic with respect to other broadcast events.

32. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 28, wherein the retention parameter is a title and wherein the playback format parameter is associated with formatting the broadcast event playback and prioritized by the title with respect to other broadcast events.

33. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 28, wherein the retention parameter is a topic and wherein the playback format parameter is associated with formatting the broadcast event and prioritized by the topic with respect to other broadcast events.

34. (Original) The system according to claim 28 wherein a memory is included in the data processing system.

35. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 28 wherein a memory is not included in the data processing system.

36. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 28 wherein the ~~storing~~ retaining means for ~~storing~~ retaining further comprises:
associating means for associating the selected broadcast events to a user.

37-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently amended) A computer program product, including instructions implemented in a data processing system for storing broadcast events for playback at a later time, embodied on a system readable medium, the instructions comprising:

instructions for receiving a retention parameter for retaining a broadcast event,
wherein the retention parameter is at least one of a topic, a title, a number of copies, or an indication of whether memory stacking is to be employed;

instructions for receiving a playback scheduling parameter for scheduling the broadcast event;

instructions for receiving a playback format parameter for playing back the broadcast event;

instructions for retaining the broadcast event according to the retention parameter in order to create a previously recorded broadcast event;

instructions for retrieving the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter; and

instructions for playing back the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter.

43. (Currently amended) A method implemented in a data processing system for storing broadcast events for playback at a later time, wherein the data processing system includes a broadcast receiver, the method comprising:

receiving a user identification;

receiving a retention parameter for retaining a broadcast event based on the user identification, wherein the retention parameter is at least one of a topic, a title, a number of copies, or an indication of whether memory stacking is to be employed;

receiving a playback scheduling parameter for scheduling the broadcast event based in the user identification;

receiving a playback format parameter for playing back the broadcast event based on the user identification;

retaining the broadcast event according to the retention parameter in order to create a previously recorded broadcast event;

retrieving the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter; and

playing back the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter.

44. (Currently amended) A data processing system for storing broadcast events for playback at a later time, wherein the data processing system includes a broadcast receiver, the method comprising:

receiving means for receiving a user identification;

receiving means for receiving a retention parameter for retaining a broadcast event based on the user identification, wherein the retention parameter is at least one of a topic, a title, a number of copies, or an indication of whether memory stacking is to be employed;

receiving means for receiving a playback scheduling parameter for scheduling the broadcast event based in the user identification;

receiving means for receiving a playback format parameter for playing back the broadcast event based on the user identification;

retaining means for retaining the broadcast event according to the retention parameter in order to create a previously recorded broadcast event;

retrieving means for retrieving the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter; and

playing means for playing back the previously recorded broadcast event according to the playback format parameter.